

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a glaring example of the negative consequences of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies are allowed to control the airwaves, situations such as this - an obvious attempt to sway the outcome of a presidential election - can result.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.